

52. I am Alive: Church

Acts 2



Jesus said, "Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18:20

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The early believers were very excited about their new faith. They got together every day. These Christians met in homes or at the Temple. They could not stay away from each other. Their love became like a magnet.

They shared bread as Jesus did at the Last Supper. They sang, prayed, and listened to teachings from God's Word. They shared everything with each other.

And God blessed these new followers. He sent miracles. Every day, more people became believers. It was the beautiful birth of the Christian church.

All over the world, the church of Jesus Christ is still growing. Most Christians meet in churches. Sadly, in some countries, Christians are not allowed to meet. But they keep meeting to obey God. They gather secretly in homes, fields, or caves.

When you became a believer, you became part of God's family. This is the worldwide church. All Christians need each other to grow strong.

Jesus promised to be with us where two or more gather in his name. He said, "I will build my church. Even the gates of hell itself will not destroy it." Jesus is keeping that promise.

Questions

1. What was the early Christian church like?
2. What is the Christian church like today?
3. Do you go to church each week? If not, would you like to?
4. How can you become an important part of your church?

Dear Lord Jesus,

You are the head of the church all over the world. Thank you for freedoms to go to church. Please help those who share my faith but not my freedom. Please help me to go to church each week.

Amen

Draw crosses all over the world map to stand for churches.

